

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McBride opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

- 3. ROLL CALL** - Present: Matt Severino arrived at 6:05 pm, Frank Mazza, Bruce Hirt, Michele McBride, William Bischoff.
Grace Brennan, CFO and Ella M. Ruta, Township Clerk, were also present.

Sunshine Law Announcement – I would like to announce and have placed in the Minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” by electronic mail to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; and by posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and by filing a copy of the notice with the Township Clerk.

6. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- a. Discussion of 2014 Municipal Budget
- CFO Brennan distributed first draft of the budget document to the Committee. She stated that she is predicting an increase of 2.5 cents on the tax rate and an increase of 11% on the amount to be raised by taxation. The increase would represent about \$86.00 on the average assessed home of \$350,000.00. She stated the causes for the increase are the loss of about 3 Million dollars in ratables due to Property Tax Appeals and the fire at Union Hill condos and loss in revenue from Municipal Court. The CFO added that among other expenses the largest increase is due to extreme weather conditions which necessitated unplanned spending as well as increases in Liability insurance premium. Capital Budget expenses such as new equipment for UT Dept. of Roads and Facilities, road improvements etc. were also discussed.
Mrs. Brennan emphasized the importance of replenishing the capital budget.
The budget document was analyzed line by line with questions from the Committee answered by the CFO. Some items were briefly discussed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

- 8. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Bischoff made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Severino seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC
Municipal Clerk